MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
RAYNOR MEMORIAL LIBRARIES
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BOARD

Notes of the Meeting of
September 27, 2006

Present: M. Gillespie, Chair; J. Kirk, (recording); K. Ojeda; M. Pate; H. Schweizer; J. Simmons-Welburn; J. South; P. Yang

I. Dr. Michael Gillespie called the meeting to order.

II. The Board members introduced themselves.

III. Update from the Dean

A. LibQUAL

Dean Simmons-Welburn distributed a one page summary of the results from LibQUAL, a survey that was administered to the Marquette academic community during the spring semester of 2006. Marquette and several other AJCU libraries participated in the survey with many other libraries. Overall, the Raynor Memorial Libraries’ services, collections and building were viewed positively. Three radar charts comparing the responses of the users of Raynor Memorial, AJCU and other libraries provided a visual demonstration of how positive Marquette libraries users viewed their Libraries in contrast to that of the users of the AJCU and other libraries.

B. D2L

The Libraries’ ran a pilot project which embedded links for scholarly materials and relevant library services into the D2L course management system for a selected group of faculty. Forty percent of the participating faculty saw the links as very beneficial and another forty percent saw the links as somewhat beneficial. Librarians will continue to work with faculty on this issue.

C. Reception for new faculty

The Dean will hold a reception for new faculty in Raynor Memorial Libraries’ Conference Center on Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

D. Meeting with students

Dean Simmons-Welburn has met with the officers of MUSG three times. She intends to meet with groups of graduate students as well.
E. Conversations with the Dean

Dean Simmons-Welburn plans to hold a “Conversations with the Dean” forum for students to sit and speak with her.

IV. Library Acquisitions Budget Update

Kirk distributed a 2006-2007 collection budget chart displaying the resources available for purchase of print, electronic and other materials. Over 25% of the budget was committed to monographs, over 30% was provided for print journals and serials including monographic series, and slightly over 44% were available for electronic resources such as journals, databases, indexes, etc. Even though the Libraries expend nearly 75% of the collection budget on print and online serials, journals and databases, a large number of books are still being purchased. For example, monographic series that are purchased with serials funds are nearly all individual books. Also, in the last year, approximately 250,000 e-books were added to the collection. While the discussion was limited to an overview of the collection budget and its expenditures, each department receives a three year comparison of the expenditures that were tracked to that department.

V. Project Muse Journals Review

Kirk shared a draft of a letter including a list of Project Muse Journals that are received in print and online. The Libraries pay for these journals twice, once for each format. To reduce purchase of duplicate subscriptions, the print journal subscription will be cancelled at the end of the calendar year. In the letter, Kirk asks that any faculty member who has concerns about the cancellation of the print versions of any of these journals, to contact him. The cancellation of the print subscriptions will recoup over $7,000 for purchase of other journals or to pay for the annual increase in journal subscriptions.

VI. Issues Raised by Board Members

Dr. Pinfen Yang noted that the graphics in some journals do not translate well into a pdf prints. This can be a problem if a journal is not owned and a copy of a desired article is received in printed form. Many if not most articles from journals which the Libraries do not own, are received in electronic format in color, if the original was in color. This allows the researcher to make a power point with the same resolution as the original.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

cc: Dr. Madeline Wake
Members of the University Library Board
Faculty Library Representatives
Deans
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